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WILL GATHER STATISTICS  
REGARDING FUR FARMING

Statistics on the fur farming industry in this country are being collected in a systematic effort by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, in order to answer the letters constantly being received by the department asking where different kinds of fur-bearing animals are being farmed, with what success, at what prices they are sold, where breeding stock may be obtained, and numerous other questions of a similar character.

The information needed concerns foxes of various species, skunks, raccoons, minks, muskrats, opossums, martens, squirrels, beavers, fishers, rabbits, and any other fur bearers which may be raised in captivity. The fur farmer is being asked by the Biological Survey to state the number of breeding animals, both male and female, on his farm, the number of young he raised in 1924, the number and average price of pelts sold, the number and average price of breeding animals sold, and the total number and value of his animals. Additional facts as to the approximate value of fur farmers lands and equipment and the number of years they have been in business also are needed.

The bureau desires to keep in touch with and to assist as far as possible the progress of fur farming in the United States, by gathering useful information, and to that end has sent a questionnaire on these subjects to all fur farmers on its lists. Any others who may be in position to supply the information desired may obtain from the Biological Survey a blank form to be filled out.

The bureau makes it clear that individual replies to this inquiry will be regarded as confidential if writers so desire, the whole survey being made for statistical purposes only. A list of American fur farmers will be compiled from the returns, as well as data of the kind constantly called for by those interested in the fur industry and its future. The object of the questionnaire is to enable the department to keep in touch with fur farmers so that it may assist as far as possible in the development of the fur industry in this country.